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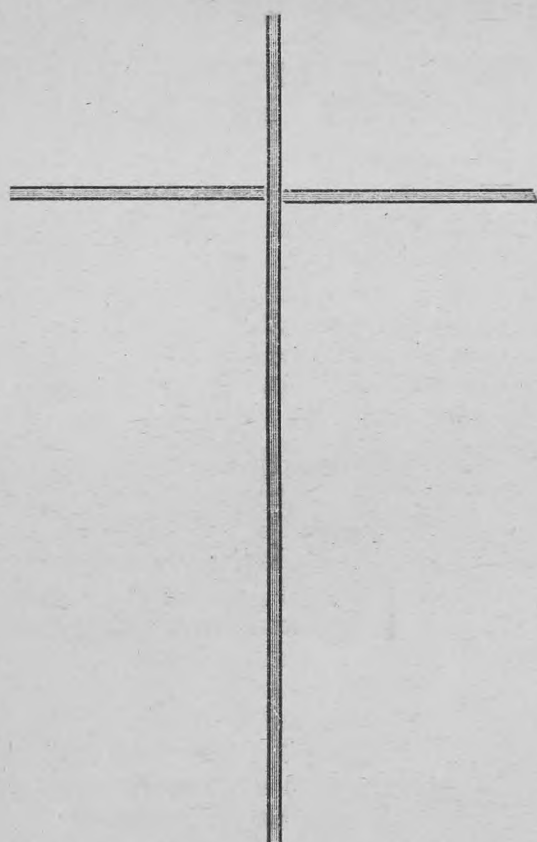
That the Church is hierarchical in its structure is abundantly clear from the testimony of the Scriptures. It is built on the foundation of the apostles, with Christ Himself as the chief cornerstone. To know the mind of Christ we need only to recall His own words and actions. It was not to self-appointed men that the message of the gospel was entrusted; nor was it left to some haphazard interpretation; nor were the same power and authority given to all Christ's followers. Christ appointed the Apostles, as His duly accredited representatives. To them and their successors He committed the responsibility of giving continuity to His mission. For three years He trained

them in His own company; then He identified them with Himself, giving them charge over His Mystical Body in the power to forgive sins, and over His Eucharistic Body in the power to consecrate the bread and wine. In St. John we read: "As the Father has sent me, so I also send you." In St. Luke: "He who hears you, hears me; he who rejects you, rejects me, rejects him who sent me." In St. Matthew: "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations . . . teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."

Now, what Christ ordained, the apostles faithfully put into practice. In the Acts of the Apostles we read that St. Matthias was chosen to take the place of Judas. At Ephesus, St. Paul instructs the leaders of the Church: "Take heed to yourselves and to the whole flock in which the Holy See has placed you as bishops, to rule the Church of God." Peter is followed at Rome by Clement. St. Paul appoints Timothy to rule the Church at Ephesus; Titus is sent to Crete. Everywhere it is the same. The Church lives, moves, and has its principle of unity in the episcopate. Clement, Polycarp, Ignatius Martyr, all bear the same testimony. To the Tralians, Ignatius writes concerning Polybius, their Bishop: "It is your entire Church that I contemplate in his person . . . You and your bishop must have only one and the same thought. . . . For where the bishop is, there also the Catholic community must be."



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MOST REV. S. BAGGIO
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A Message from the Archbishop...



My dear people of the Archdiocese of Edmonton:

My cordial felicitations and my sincere thanks to you all, and particularly to the busy Rector and people of the Cathedral Parish, on the completion of the new Cathedral. Thanks to your generosity, it is larger and more beautiful, more in keeping with Christian traditions, than any of us dared to expect a few years ago.

Some of the older generation will recall when reading *My Unknown Chum*, the scholarly book that beguiled so many readers about the turn of the century, how deeply impressed they were by the authorities quoted from both pagan and Christian sources when travelling through Europe, to show the propriety of having public buildings like Cathedrals and City Halls as large and elaborate as possible. The author called the attention of his fellow travellers to the rapid decline in civilization and patriotism when people began to erect large buildings for themselves and smaller ones for the divine worship and the transaction of public business.

This thought may not have occurred to anyone, but none of us would have wished to erect so magnificent a structure if God's glory were not concerned. It is His house in a special sense, and to a very special degree. We did hope to have something grand because it is His house, and our people made sacrifices they would not have made for any purely earthly purpose. Every Cathedral is the Mother Church of the diocese in which it is located, the only one besides their own parish to which the people may go at any time and without any hesitation.

Our sincere thanks to all for providing the funds wherewith to build what few indeed in this promising and tolerant City will fail to be proud of. The people of St. Joseph's Parish deserve special thanks. More than forty years ago they began making the necessary sacrifices to build a new Cathedral in God's good time, under the inspiring leadership of pastors like the present Cardinal McGuigan of Toronto and Bishop Nelligan, voicing the wishes of the greatest and most magnetic leader of them all, my revered predecessor of happy memory, Archbishop Henry Joseph O'Leary, who was called to his eternal reward at the early age of 59, after a life packed with noble deeds and generous sacrifices. Some of the Cathedral parishioners are now reaping the reward of what their devoted parents started. Many of these latter are now, I am confident, looking down from heaven with their devoted Archbishop, thanking God for having allowed their children under their present pastor to complete the work so dear to their hearts.

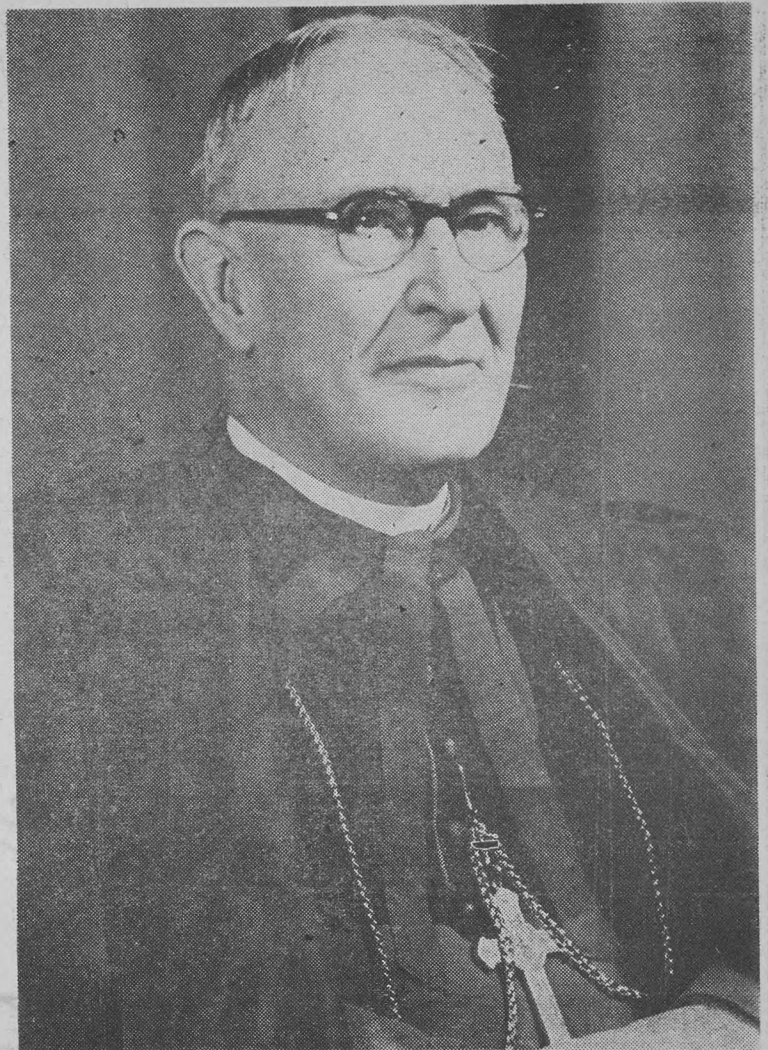
The maintenance of this Cathedral Church will henceforth be the particular burden of the people living within its borders. They know that, and they do not falter in the face of the heavy costs that will be entailed. However, though willing to shoulder all they can of this burden, it would be most unfair if they were left to do so alone, especially since every Cathedral Church belongs to all the people of the diocese. Generosity on the part of the people in general towards Cathedral maintenance will exempt the clergy in charge from having to devise other means of support less acceptable to God, and less likely therefore to draw down upon us the heavenly blessings so necessary for our happiness and salvation. These blessings we hope for every soul in the land, irrespective of race, color or creed. No man is an island, as some one well said. It is also true without our having to be told, that every truly Christian Church brings many blessings even upon those who merely tolerate it.

For reasons that those who know me can well understand — very little credit for this magnificent structure should go to me. Besides those mentioned above, my devoted Coadjutor and Monsignor Malone, the committee of priests who examined plans and specifications, the learned architect and the devoted contractors who felt they were undertaking something bigger and greater than they had ever tackled before, these along with the people deserve credit, as well as our heartfelt thanks.

Praying God to bless you all, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Edmonton



Greetings . . .

I take great pleasure in greeting Edmonton's Catholic Community and in congratulating you on the occasion of the opening of St. Joseph's Cathedral.

Edmontonians of all faiths may take pride in this edifice which was erected in His Glory and which will be a lasting landmark of our city.



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Congratulations

The new Cathedral building is a fitting tribute to the faith and sustained effort of St. Joseph Parishioners. In a sense, the Cathedral symbolizes both the cosmopolitan nature of this city, and the universality of the Church. The magnificent stained glass windows are German, the stonework is from Manitoba — the marble altar from Spain and metal work is from Ireland. The Official Opening of this fine building is truly a memorable occasion and an inspiration to all.

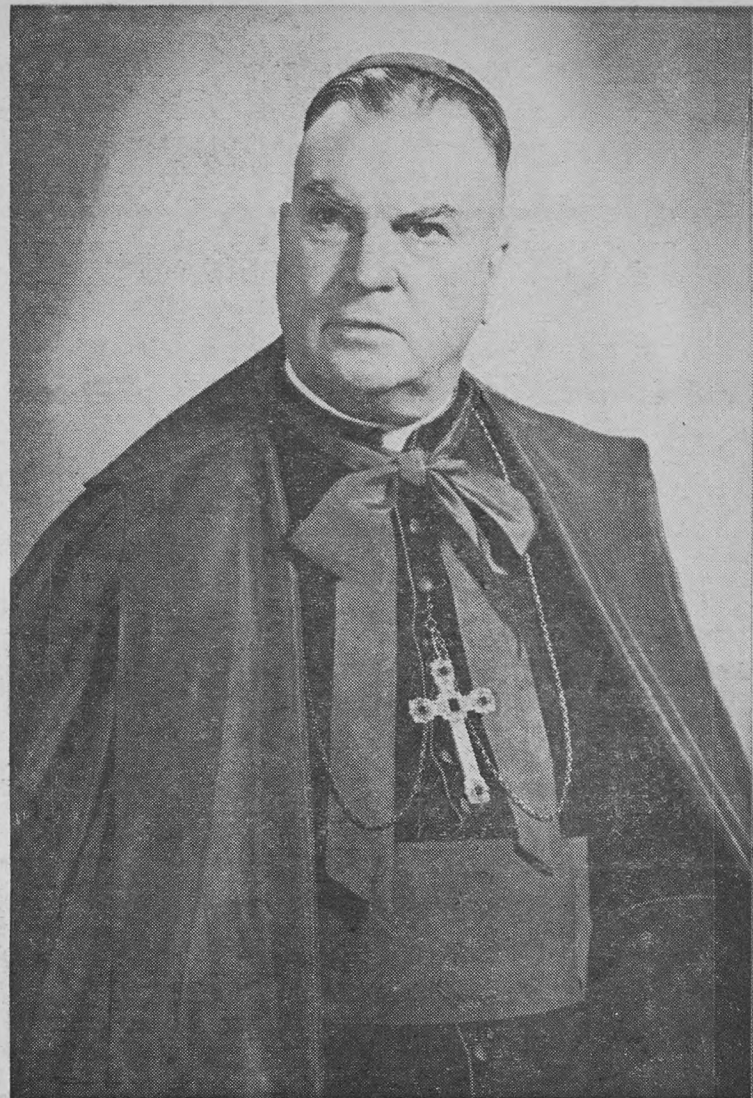
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The completion of St. Joseph's Cathedral is an achievement in which all Catholics of the Archdiocese have a share. But no one will deny that the clergy and the parishioners of the Cathedral Parish merit special praise. They undoubtedly have made the greater sacrifices and have striven harder than any others to bring about the realization of a hope entertained for many years by all of us — that one day there might be raised a building, noble and majestic, as the Mother Church of the Archdiocese.

To Monsignor Joseph Malone, the Cathedral Rector, his curates and parishioners, I offer sincerest congratulations.

† ANTHONY JORDAN, O.M.I.,
Coadjutor Archbishop of Edmonton



More than forty years ago, His Grace Archbishop O'Leary began to plan a Metropolitan Cathedral. It was characteristic of him that, although he was never able to build more than the crypt, he laid the foundations long and wide so that the superstructure would truly be to the glory of God and a credit to our Church and our City. His Eminence, Cardinal McGuigan, Archbishop O'Neill, Bishops Neligan and Jennings and Monsignor Carleton, my illustrious predecessors worked through good times and bad, war time and peace time, depression and prosperity towards these ends. I am privileged that it is during my term of office as Rector of the Cathedral that the plans of a great Archbishop and the work of my predecessors should come to fruition.

I express my gratitude to Archbishop MacDonald and Archbishop Jordan for their leadership and advice, to the members of the building committee, to the Architects, Messrs. Underwood, Labelle and Oleksy and to the General Contractors, Christenson and Macdonald Construction Limited. Unfortunately, Mr. Harold Macdonald, the head of that firm, did not live to finish the work we confided to him, but his partners, Messrs. Carl Christensen and Donald Macdonald continued the work with the integrity and skill which were his hallmarks. Under God it is due to their care that there were no serious accidents during construction. I am grateful too to the sub-contractors and to the clergy and faithful throughout the Archdiocese who supported us financially and I wish to emphasize what I have said on many former occasions about the sacrificial generosity of St. Joseph's Cathedral parishioners.

One of the unique features of the Cathedral is that there are no locks on the main doors. Day and night it will be open for prayer, and thanks to our organization for Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament it will never be deserted.

I express my thanks for the help given us by the religious communities in the Parish, notably the Sisters of the Precious Blood and I conclude by acknowledging our indebtedness to the Cathedral Curates, past and present, who have done most of the routine pastoral work and who during the time of their appointments here have laid up for themselves treasures in Heaven.

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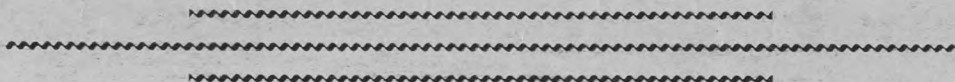
I am pleased to hear that the Cathedral which for so long has remained unfinished has been completed. I wish to extend to you both and to the people of the Cathedral parish — and indeed of the whole Archdiocese — my sincere congratulations on this great achievement.

I remember the days when I was the first rector of the Cathedral and you can understand that this great event produces in me very deep emotions and, at the same time, a sense of gratitude to God and to all who have participated in its completion. I look forward to seeing it with great pleasure and I am sure that all the people of Edmonton, without distinction of race or creed, will be proud of this structure.

With kind regards and a special blessing,

Yours devotedly in Christ,

† JAMES CARDINAL McGUIGAN,
Archbishop of Toronto



Most Rev. John Hugh MacDonald, D.D.,
Archbishop of Edmonton,
Edmonton, Alberta.

Dear Archbishop MacDonald:

It is a source of great spiritual satisfaction to me that the superstructure of St. Joseph's Cathedral is now completed, and that the Solemn Ceremony of Dedication will take place on May 1st.

St. Joseph's was the only parish in which I had the privilege of exercising my priestly ministry, and the nine happy years spent within its hallowed precincts — 1925 - 1928 as assistant to the present Cardinal - Archbishop of Toronto, and 1928 - 1937 as Rector — were filled with deep and enduring spiritual consolations. Many of my most cherished memories revolve around the profound spirit of Faith of the parishioners, their great friendliness on the occasion of visits to their homes, their loyal co-operation in anything that concerned the welfare of the Parish, and their open-hearted generosity towards every worthy parish project.

The completed Cathedral will provide a fitting dwelling place for our Eucharistic Lord, and at the same time will stand as an enduring memorial to the faith and generosity of the parishioners.

May God shower down abundant blessings upon priests, religious and faithful on the occasion of the Solemn Dedication, and may His continued loving care be their comfort and consolation during the years that lie ahead.

Most sincerely in J. M. J.,
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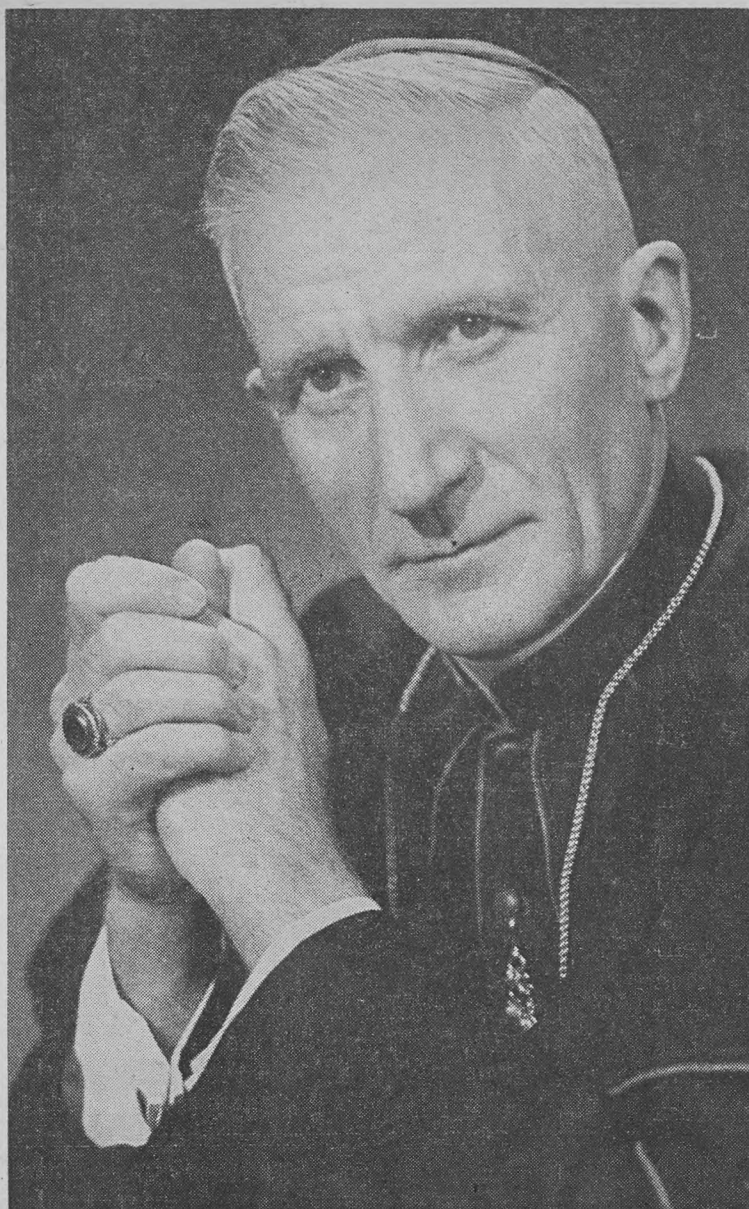
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Your Grace:

It was a great pleasure to hear some time ago that the main mass of your Cathedral dedicated to St. Joseph was to be built. It is a keener pleasure to know that construction is now completed and the edifice ready for divine worship.

Events and conditions considered, it has not been so long since the first phase of the Cathedral construction was accomplished. And in the meantime the parishioners have enjoyed the use of a crypt Cathedral as commodious as most large churches.

It must be an intense satisfaction to you, and to the clergy and people in the Archdiocese of Edmonton, as it is also to all who in other times have been associated with them, to see the efforts of earlier days and the sacrifices of succeeding years so solidly, so beautifully and so nobly crowned.

For the achievement in completing the seat and centre of the Archdiocese, please accept sincere congratulations to Your Grace, the priests and the faithful; and a prayer that this new gift of God, built to His glory by the piety He has vouchsafed to human hearts and the skill He lends to human minds and hands, may add another to the many inspirations by which the Archdiocese has encouraged souls to the following of His Son, our Saviour.

With esteem and kind wishes,

Devotedly yours in Christ,

† EDWARD Q. JENNINGS,

Bishop of Fort William



Most Reverend J. H. MacDonald, D.D.,
Archbishop of Edmonton,
10044 - 113 Street,
Edmonton, Alberta.

Your Grace:

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate you and the Archdiocese of Edmonton on the completion of St. Joseph's Cathedral. Like Solomon, you can truly say: "It has been mine to build a home to honor the Lord."

Having been a priest of the Archdiocese for twenty years and having had an intimate association with the Cathedral and its staff during that time, I can appreciate what it means to you, the parishioners and Faithful of the Archdiocese to have completed the beautiful structure. I am sure that the words of the psalmist that are used in the ceremony of dedication will find an echo in the hearts of all.

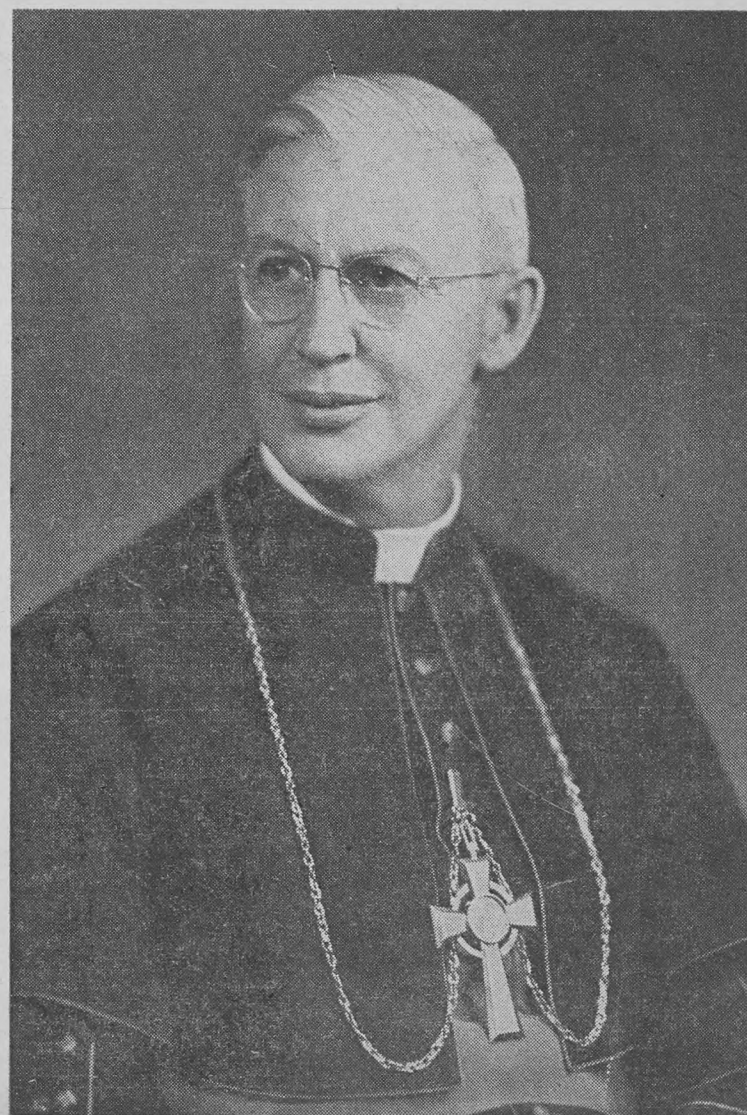
"Welcome sound, when I heard them saying, We will go into the Lord's house."

With kindest personal regards and wishes, I am,

Devotedly yours in Christ,

† M. C. O'NEILL,

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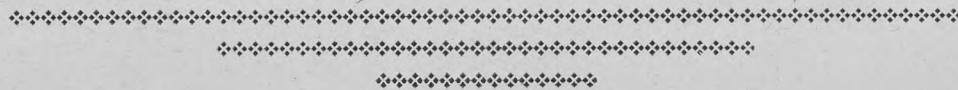
I wish to offer my congratulations to His Excellency Archbishop MacDonald, His Excellency Archbishop Jordan and Monsignor Malone on the completion of the new Cathedral of St. Joseph.

The building, a thing of beauty and of joy, is dedicated to the honor and glory of God under the patronage of St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus and husband of His Virginal Mother.

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Most Rev. J. H. MacDonald,
Archbishop of Edmonton,
Edmonton, Alberta

On behalf of the people and the Government of Alberta, I wish to extend greetings and sincere congratulations to you and the people of the Archdiocese of Edmonton on the official opening of St. Joseph's Cathedral.

The Cathedral itself is an impressive addition to the architecture of the city and a monument to the devotion and initiative of the congregation who figured so strongly in its erection.

May it, in the years to come, continue to serve Edmontonians and Albertans of the Roman Catholic Faith with its important contribution to their spiritual welfare.

Yours very truly,

ERNEST C. MANNING,
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Most Rev. J. H. MacDonald,
Archbishop of Edmonton,
St. Joseph's Cathedral,
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Your Grace:

On behalf of the City Council and citizens of Edmonton, I wish to extend hearty congratulations on the completion of St. Joseph's Cathedral, and to bring a cordial greeting to you and the Catholic people of our City on this important occasion. May I also extend a warm civic welcome to all of the distinguished visitors who are coming to Edmonton to participate in the official opening of the Cathedral on May 1st.

In addition to being a large and beautiful building, which will grace the neighborhood in which it is situated, the new Cathedral is a testimony to the faith of the Catholic people of Edmonton in the future of their City.

I express the fervent hope that the building and the functions it will perform may be a continuing blessing to our Community.

Yours sincerely,

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The History of a Parish . . .

BY RT. REV. JOSEPH M. MALONE, D.P.

The history of the Catholic Church in this area begins with the Coureurs des Bois, who unfortunately have left no written records of their religious activities. We do know, however that they were not religiously inactive because when Fathers Francis Norbert Blanchet and Modeste Demers in the autumn of 1838 stopped on their way to "The Oregon Country" they baptized fifty people, mostly half-breed children. They were the first priests to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in the Saskatchewan Valley. Continuing west they had another thirty-five baptisms at Fort Jasper. Subsequently Father Blanchet became the first bishop of Oregon City and Father Demers the first bishop of Vancouver Island.

The Chief Factor of Fort Edmonton at that time, John Rowand, was a Catholic, and

he was instrumental in persuading Bishop Provencher of St. Boniface to send a resident priest to what is now the Archdiocese of Edmonton. The priest was the Reverend J. B. Thibeault who made his first missionary journey to Fort Edmonton in 1842. He returned in 1843 and was joined a year later by Father Joseph Bourassa. They made their headquarters at Lac Ste. Anne and from there, and later on from St. Albert, missionary priests visited Fort Edmonton regularly. In 1857 a small chapel was built within the enclosure of the Fort and served on week-days as a school with Brother Scolen, O.M.I., as school master. Brother Scolen was later ordained to the holy priesthood and did valuable work in the southern part of the Province.

By 1877 the number of Catholics had increased to such an extent that the chapel

was too small to accommodate them. Therefore, in that year, at what is now Jasper Avenue and 121st Street, Father Blanchet constructed a larger chapel and quarters for a priest. An interesting historical note is that a shack on this property was rented to a recent arrival for three dollars a month. The tenant was Frank Oliver who later founded the Edmonton Bulletin and was Minister of the Interior in the Laurier Government.

In 1882 when the Hudson Bay Company divided part of their reserve into town lots the Oblate Fathers obtained a block of land where St. Joachim's Church now stands and Father Grandin, O.M.I., built a new church on that site. Father Grandin was succeeded as parish priest by Fathers Fouquet, Lacombe and Leduc. Father Leduc built the present St. Joachim's Church in 1891. Subsequent pastors, all members of the Oblate Order, were Fathers Jan, Therien, Naessens and Cozanet. Theoretically, at least, it was during Father Cozanet's pastorate, in the year 1913, that St. Joseph's Parish came into existence by a separation of the English and French speaking members of St. Joachim's parish. However, our parish records do not start until 1917.

In 1914 Father LeMarchand succeeded Father Cozanet as pastor of the two parishes. Father LeMarchand began immediately to plan for a new church for St. Joseph's parish and got as far as digging and concreting a large basement immediately behind St. Joachim's Church when the First World War interfered with the financing and the project had to be abandoned.

The two congregations, French and English-speaking, continued to use St. Joachim's Church. In 1914 Father Ivor Daniels was appointed as assistant to Father LeMarchand and served St. Joseph's parish until 1920 with the exception of two years overseas as army chaplain.

In September, 1916, Rev. J. P. Reynolds, O.M.I., took charge of the parish. Father Reynolds was a man of ability and charm and his parishioners felt a sense of personal tragedy, when in May, 1918, during the course of a holiday, he was drowned on the S.S. Paris. Father Reynold's assistant, Reverend Michael Murphy, O.M.I., assumed the

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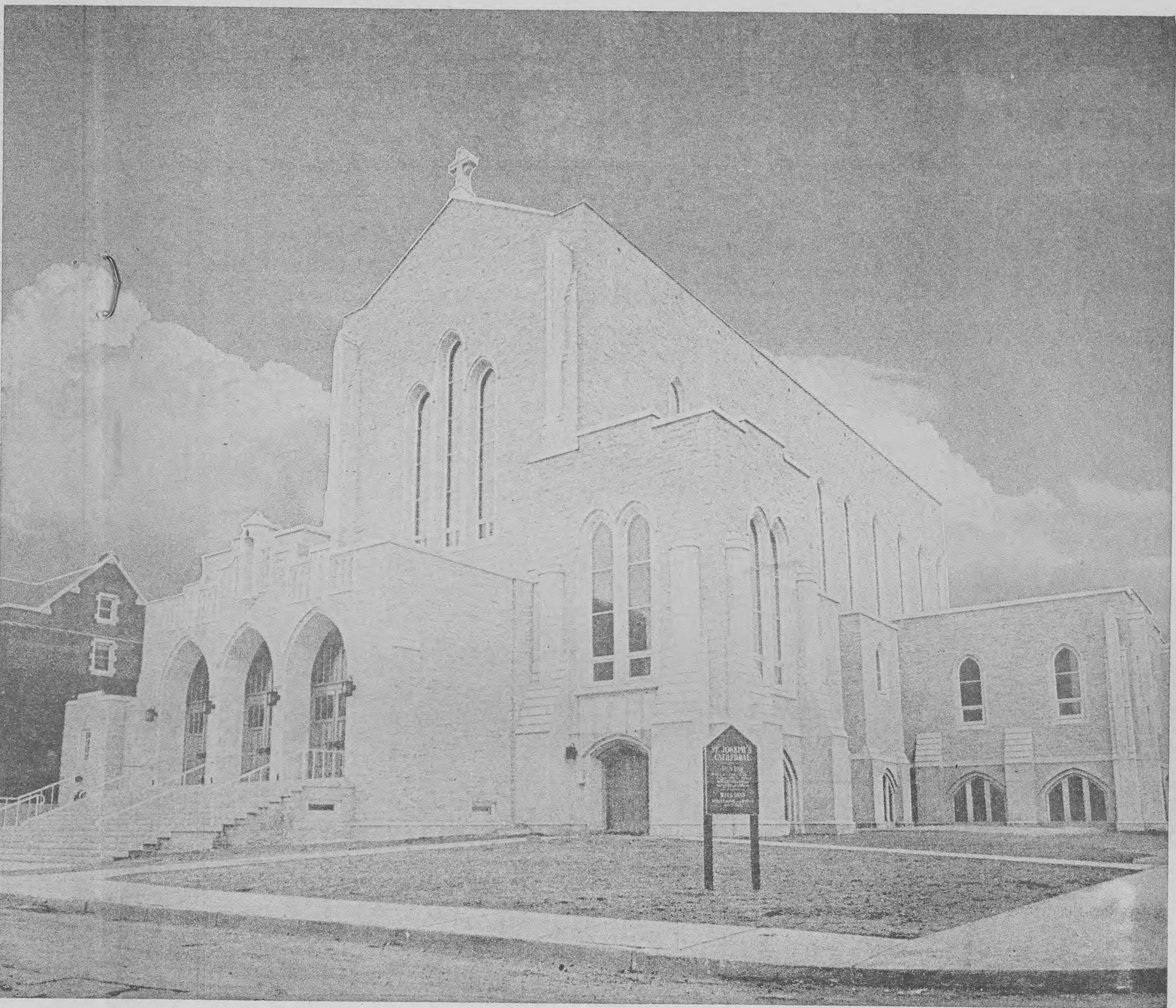
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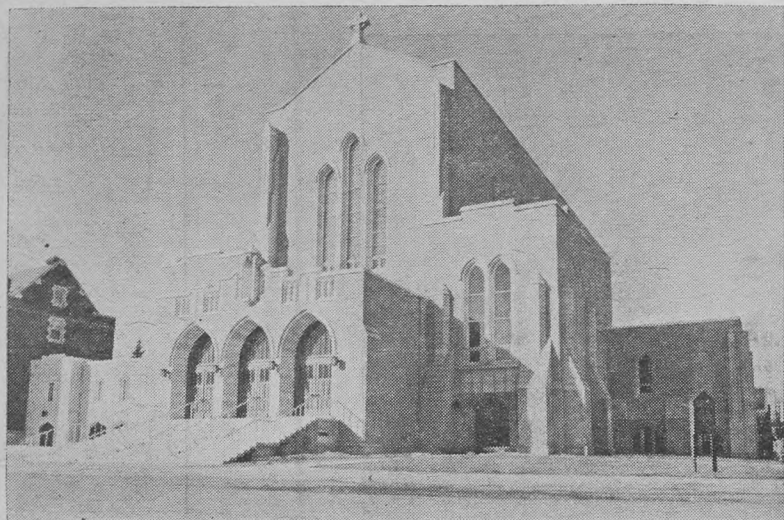


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sary of his ordination to the holy priesthood. Sunday, the 19th, was "Cathedral Day". His Grace, the Archbishop, presided at the Solemn High Mass. Reverend Dr. McGuigan announced that the Archbishop had been elevated by His Holiness, Pope Pius XI, to the dignity of Assistant at the Pontifical Throne with the title of Count of the Roman Court. That evening, Cathedral parishioners again assembled to present an address to His Grace. In replying, Archbishop O'Leary congratulated them on all that they had accomplished in the short time that their church had been built. The honor, he

said, which had been conferred on St. Joseph's, when he had designated it as his Cathedral Parish, had been well merited.

The following day Dr. McGuigan acted as spokesman for the various sisterhoods who assembled in the Cathedral to make a presentation to His Grace.

Tuesday, the anniversary day, Archbishop O'Leary sang a Pontifical High Mass in the Cathedral and sermons were preached by Archbishop Sinnott in English and Bishop Prud'homme in French. Among the church dignitaries present were the archbishops of Vancouver and Winnipeg, the

bishops of Calgary and Prince Albert and the Ukrainian bishop for Canada.

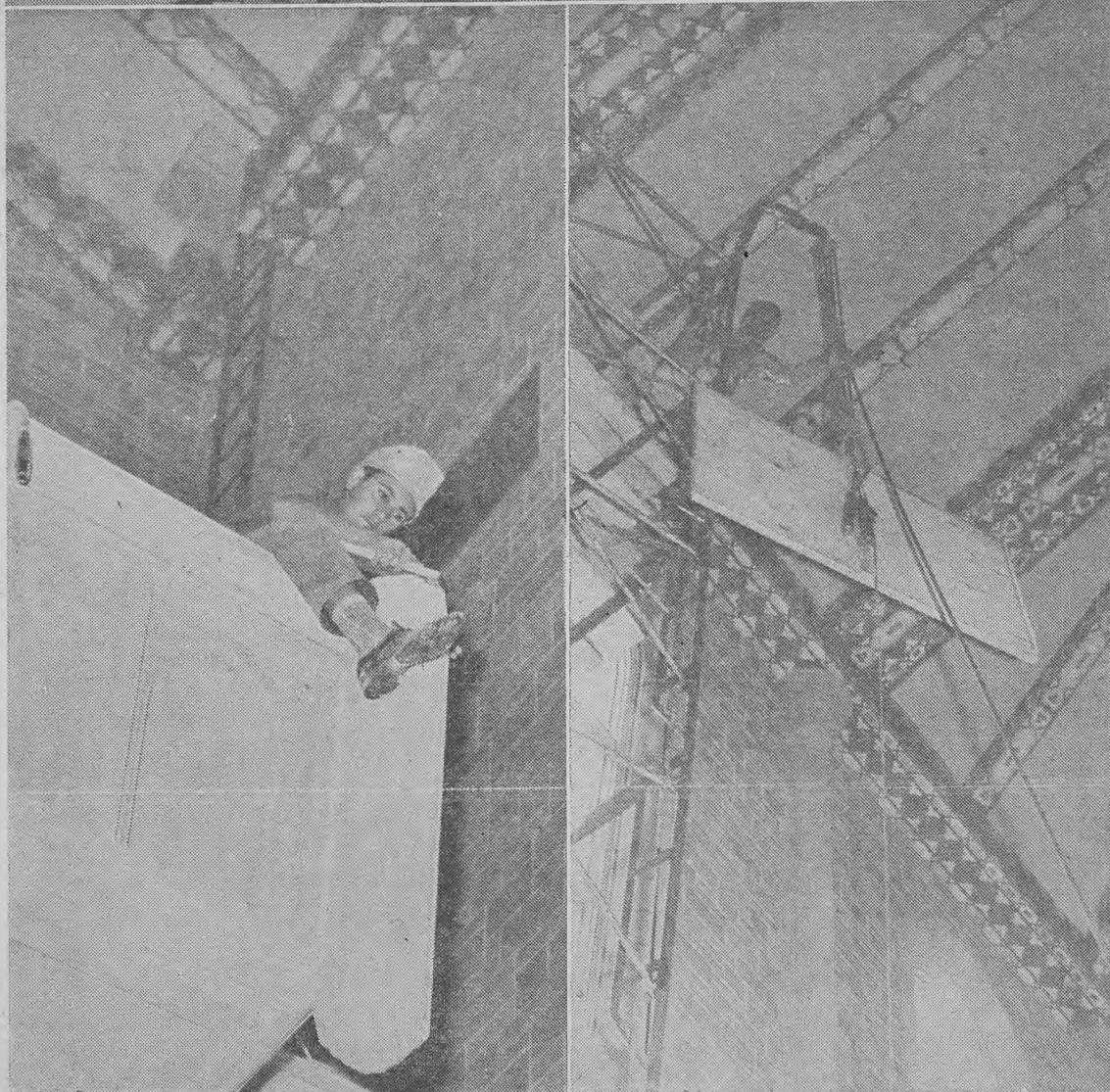
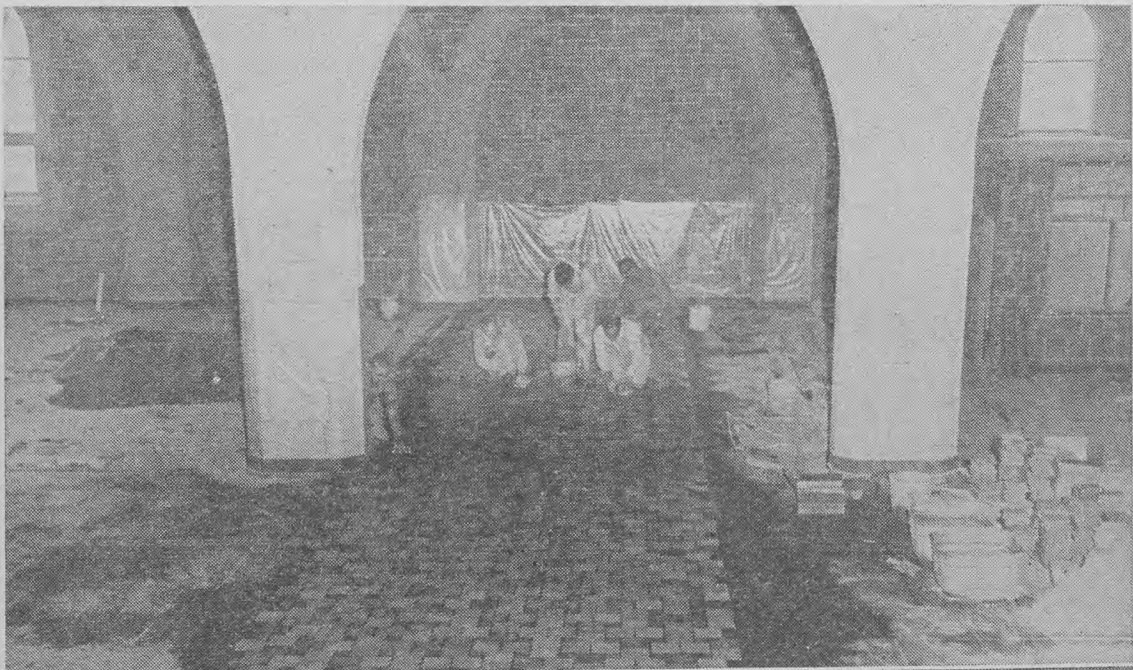
The reader will understand that because of the many solemn ceremonies that have been held in the Cathedral, space will not permit a description of each annual novena to the Little Flower, the annual mission, the ceremonies of Holy Week, the liturgical observances of the feasts of Easter, Pentecost, Christ the King and Christmas, nor the memorial service that for many years was held on the Sunday prior to Armistice Day. Henceforth no mention will be made of them.

In January, 1927, Dr. McGuigan left Edmonton to take a post graduate course in Canon Law at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., and Father Nelligan became acting rector. He was joined in March by Father E. Q. Jennings. Father McGuigan returned from Washington in June, but had barely resumed his duties at the Cathedral when he was appointed rector of St. Joseph's Seminary. On the occasion of relinquishing his pastorate a committee composed of T. S. Magee, F. Doherty, C. C. Connolly, H. T. Graham and A. H. Esch, acting on behalf of the parishioners, presented him with a purse of gold. He received a still greater honor when, on the evening of Sunday, October 22nd, His Grace invested him as a Protonotary Apostolic to the Holy Father. The investiture took place in the Cathedral with Archbishop O'Leary acting in the name of the dean of the College of Protonotaries.

On Saturday, November 5th, 1927, the Apostolic Delegate to Canada, the Most Reverend Andrea Cassulo, arrived in Edmonton on an official visit. The following morning he was liturgically received in the Cathedral and sang a Pontifical High Mass and the morning after offered Holy Mass in the Cathedral for the Separate School children of the City.

In March, 1928, an important and welcome change took place. Since the time the Cathedral had been built, His Grace, the Archbishop, with his chancellor, Father Lyons, and his secretary, Father Ketchen, had continued to live in St. Anthony's Rectory on the South Side, while the temporary Cathedral Rectory was a rented house north of Jasper Avenue on 114 Street. Now, on the completion of the Archbishop's Residence, the Cathedral Parishioners welcomed their chief pastor to his new home. The Cathedral clergy, Father Nelligan, Father Jennings and Father Joseph Murphy, who had lately joined the Cathedral Staff, also moved into the new residence. Father Lyons accompanied the Archbishop to the North Side, and while he never had any official connection with the Cathedral, he assisted in the Cathedral on Sundays and preached from the Cathedral pulpit on many notable occasions. At this time too, Father Jennings was appointed as secretary to the Archbishop and combined his new duties with those of assistant to Father Nelligan.

In May, 1928, the Honourable Mr. Justice Beck, who from the foundation of the parish had been St. Joseph's most distinguished parishioner, was buried from the



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Cathedral. Monsignor McGuigan preached the sermon on this occasion.

In December, 1928, Father Joseph Burke was appointed assistant at the Cathedral, and in January 1929, Father Jennings was appointed parish priest of St. Andrew's, which up to that time had been served from the Cathedral.

In July, 1929, there took place in the Cathedral an event which was unique in the Western Hemisphere, when Bishop Ladyka, who had recently been appointed Ukrainian Bishop for Canada, was consecrated in the Ukrainian Greek Rite. Bishop Constantine Bohavechisky of Philadelphia, assisted by Bishop Basil Jackatch of Pittsburgh and Archbishop O'Leary, were the consecrating prelates. The visiting prelates included the Archbishops of Ottawa, Vancouver and St. Boniface, the Bishops of Calgary, Saskatoon and Prince Albert and the Abbot of Muenster. Loud speakers outside the Church enabled the overflow congregation to follow the ceremony.

That summer the first of a number of summer camps for Cathedral boys was held at Edmonton Beach.



ARCHBISHOP McGUIGAN'S CONSECRATION

On Monday, February 17, 1930, news was cabled from Rome that Pope Pius XI had appointed Monsignor McGuigan to succeed the late Archbishop Mathieu as Archbishop of Regina and Metropolitan of the Church in Saskatchewan. Archbishop McGuigan was consecrated in the Cathedral on Thursday morning, May 15th, by His Grace, Archbishop O'Leary, with Archbishop Beliveau of St. Boniface and Bishop Kidd of Calgary, as co-consecrators. Bishops McNally of Hamilton and Rheame of Haileybury preached in English and French respectively. The new Archbishop's mother was present for the ceremony. He was at the time only 35 years old. On Sunday, in the Cathedral, he sang his first Pontifical High Mass.

At the annual retreat in June Archbishop O'Leary announced that he had appointed Father Nelligan to succeed Archbishop McGuigan as Vicar-General of the Archdiocese. The following month, Father Nelligan, together with Fathers Carleton, O'Gorman and Lyons, were appointed Domestic Prelates to His Holiness. Monsignors Nelligan and Lyons received their robes of office in the Cathedral on Sunday evening, October 19th.

In June of 1930, a combination chapel and school was opened in Ross Flats, then a part of the Cathedral Parish. Father Joseph Murphy had been in charge of construction of the new chapel, which was dedicated to the Little Flower.

In June, 1931, Father Murphy, who had been unwell for some time, was obliged to undergo an operation and later to take an extended holiday. The writer replaced him on the Cathedral Staff.



Massive Doors Hung — Spring 1962

In September of 1931 the first of several Diocesan Eucharistic Congresses was held in Edmonton and centred around the Cathedral. It opened by a Pontifical High Mass, sung in the Cathedral by Archbishop Duke of Vancouver and Abbott Gertkin of Muenster preached the sermon.

In the spring of 1932 we began the devotion of the thirteen Tuesdays in honor of St. Anthony and these devotions were repeated every spring for about ten years. In June of the same year, Father Burke was appointed Parish Priest of Trochu. This left Monsignor Nelligan and me alone on the Cathedral Staff. A few weeks later we were joined by Father Britton, who remained only until December and then was appointed to the staff of The Western Catholic. In June of 1933, Father Joseph Rolheiser was named as second assistant.

The third annual Eucharistic Congress again centred around the Cathedral in September, 1933. It was estimated that five thousand people watched the Mass on the Seminary grounds.

As the depression deepened and unemployment increased especially among the single young people, there was a change of pattern in parochial activity. The Del Sarto Young People's Club, patronized largely by those who had little money to spend on recreation, was active and the tennis club which they sponsored on the brow of the hill opposite the Edmonton Curling Club was well patronized. The Club held regular social meetings and dances and presented a play each year. Among the officers and prominent members were the present Judge J. S. Cormack, John Hart, Q.C., Deputy Attorney General for Alberta, Dr. Ambrose O'Neill and Dr. John McGuigan.

Sunday collections kept falling, but Monsignor Nelligan, by a "March of Dimes" Campaign, annual parish picnics at Borden or Victoria Park, bazaars, bingos, raffles and card parties, succeeded in meeting the bond issue and paying the diocesan dues each year. Each of these obligations amounted to \$4,500.00 and that during the thirties was a lot of money.

During this time too, under the auspices of the Catholic Women's League, Madames Conroy and McDonnell conducted a "Comfort Corner" in the furnace room of the

Cathedral and distributed thousands of articles of second hand clothing to the poor.



FAILING HEALTH OF ARCHBISHOP O'LEARY

In May of 1935, while out for his afternoon walk, Archbishop O'Leary sustained a serious heart attack and was brought home by a passing motorist. He was a patient in the General Hospital for a number of weeks and then spent some time in convalescence at the O'Connell Institute.

His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate, Archbishop Cassulo, was present for the Eucharistic Congress, held in June of that year and presided at the Congress ceremonies in the Cathedral and on the Seminary grounds.

In November, Father Rolheiser, the second assistant, was appointed Parish Priest of Radway and was succeeded by Father C. W. Poirier. Father Poirier's stay at the Cathedral was brief as he was shortly appointed pastor of Barrhead.

His Eminence, Cardinal Villeneuve of Quebec, the head of the Canadian Hierarchy, paid an official visit to Edmonton in June, 1936 and was liturgically received in the Cathedral and offered Holy Mass there for the Separate School children of the City.

History was made in July of 1936 when Monsignor Nelligan left for the East on a holiday. It was his first holiday in eight years.

In November, 1936, Father Augustine Hickey was appointed to the Cathedral Staff.



ARCHBISHOP MacDONALD NAMED CO-ADJUTOR

A few days before the end of 1936, the Apostolic Delegate announced that Bishop John Hugh MacDonald of Victoria had been appointed Coadjutor Archbishop of Edmonton with the right of succession to Archbishop O'Leary, who had never fully regained his health since his heart attack. The new Archbishop was well known in Edmonton

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since he had administered the Sacrament of Confirmation through the Archdiocese the previous summer.

He was officially received in the Cathedral on March 10, 1937 and addresses were read to him on behalf of the English speaking clergy by Monsignor Nelligan and on behalf of the French speaking priests by Monsignor Pilon. The following morning he sang a Pontifical High Mass in the Cathedral, at which Bishop Carroll preached and after which addresses were read on behalf of the English and French speaking laity by Mr. J. A. Cormack and the Honorable Judge Dubuc.



BISHOP NELLIGAN

Six months after Archbishop MacDonald's arrival the Apostolic Delegate announced that Pope Pius XI had appointed Bishop Nelligan to the vacant See of Pembroke, Ontario. Bishop Nelligan, who had spent nearly the whole of his priestly life as Rector of the Cathedral, was consecrated here by His Grace, Archbishop O'Leary, with Archbishops McGuigan and MacDonald as Co-consecrators, October 28, 1937. The sermons were preached by Bishops Carroll and Fallaize.

The previous summer Father W. A. Reynolds, newly ordained, arrived from Nova Scotia and took up residence in the Cathedral Rectory. He was to remain here nineteen years, and although for short periods of time he attended the University of Alberta, taught high school, was acting Chancellor and administered various parishes, he was, for most of the time on the Cathedral Staff. He made prodigious efforts for the spiritual and temporal welfare of the Parish, notably for the Boy Scout movement, which have borne happy fruit.

That year of changes, 1947, ended with the appointment of Father Jennings to succeed Monsignor Nelligan as Cathedral Rector.



DEATH OF ARCHBISHOP O'LEARY

March 5th, 1938, marked the end of an era in the history of the Archdiocese of Edmonton, for on that day, in St. Joseph's Hospital, Victoria, B.C., the competent and revered leader of the Archdiocese, Henry Joseph O'Leary, died of a heart attack. Although, in another two months he would have marked the 25th anniversary of his episcopal consecration, he was only fifty-nine years old. Accompanied by Father Andrew MacDonnell, O.S.B., he was returning from Honolulu when death occurred. Archbishop MacDonald, who automatically became Archbishop of Edmonton on the death of his predecessor, sang the Pontifical Funeral Mass. The preachers were Archbishop Sinnott of Winnipeg and Monsignor Pilon, the pastor of Morinville. Bishop Nelligan officiated at the grave.

In November, 1938, I was appointed pastor of Wainwright and did not return to the Cathedral for eleven years. Father Reynolds became first assistant and Fathers Paul Connelly and Emmett Doyle joined the Cathedral Staff. The latter serving in a part-time capacity.

THE WAR YEARS

Inevitably the war caused changes in the routine of parish life. One of the incidental changes was that it brought to an end the depression and Father Jennings, during the short time he was Rector, had the satisfaction of redeeming the last of the bond issue. Some Cathedral parishioners, who had been in the militia, joined the armed forces as soon as the mobilization order was issued and twenty-two of them gave their lives on active service. They were: P. Cardell, Joseph Dwyer, John Heffernan, Donald F. McDonald, Joseph McDonald, Verdun McDonald, James P. McGrath, Pierre J. B. Madore, Thomas J. Magee, Maurice Martin, Kenneth Moderwell, Reginald O'Donnell, William O'Neill, Robert Parker,

John Pratley, David Alan Rowat, James Rutter, Vincent Schiller, Robert Simpson, Bryan Taylor, Lawrence Tighe and Robert Tighe. "Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them."

The roll of honour in the Cathedral Hall lists the names of two hundred and sixty-seven Cathedral men and women who were on active service and among them is the name of the Rector, who in September, 1940, joined the Chaplain Service of the Royal Canadian Air Force and was stationed at Shilo, Manitoba.

On his departure, because of the shortage of priests, His Grace, Archbishop MacDonald assumed direction of the Cathedral parish.

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But Father Jennings' service with the air force was short lived, as on March 26th, 1941, he was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Vancouver, with the title of Titular Bishop of Sala. He was the third successive Cathedral Rector to become a bishop. He was consecrated in the Cathedral by Archbishop Duke of Vancouver.

Despite the pressure of war-time activity, a Girl Guide Company and a Brownie Pack were formed in 1942. This movement continued to grow and at the present time we have two Girl Guide companies and four Brownie Packs.



MONSIGNOR CARLETON

In November, 1942, Lt.-Col. the Rt. Rev. W. B. Carleton, V.G., was released from army service and became Rector of St. Joseph's and Father Connelly left to attend the School of Education at the University of Alberta. At this time too, two new parishes were formed in what had been Cathedral territory, St. John's on 149th Street and St. Theresa's at Rosedale. Father Doyle became acting pastor of St. John's and Father Michael Leamy pastor of St. Theresa's. In June, 1944, Father A. D. O'Brien, whose home was in the Cathedral, and who had been recently ordained, joined Monsignor Carleton and Father Reynolds on the Cathedral Staff.



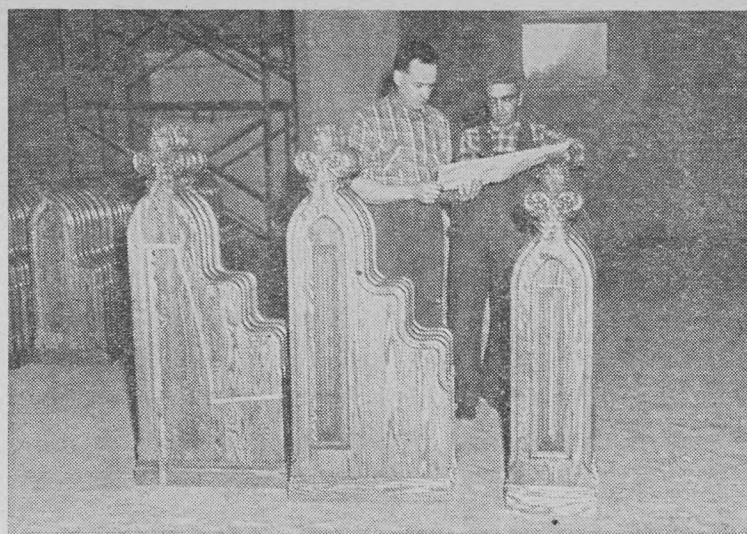
MONSIGNOR O'NEILL

In the spring of 1946, Colonel the Right Reverend M. C. O'Neill vacated his position as Principal R.C. Chaplain for the armed forces and succeeded Monsignor Carleton at St. Joseph's Cathedral. His term of office was also brief as a year later he was appointed Archbishop of Regina.

Archbishop O'Neill was consecrated in the Cathedral, Wednesday, April 14, 1948. His Eminence Cardinal McGuigan was the consecrating prelate and was assisted by Archbishop MacDonald and Archbishop Roy of Quebec.

Bishop Carroll of Calgary preached the sermon. At a banquet in the Macdonald Hotel that evening Cathedral parishioners made him a presentation and an address was read on behalf of the parish by J. B. Whelihan. The Archbishop's Appeal for funds occurred during Archbishop O'Neill's short pastorate and under his leadership the parish met its objective of \$75,000.00. On his elevation to the episcopate, Archbishop O'Neill joined three other members of the Canadian Hierarchy who had been rectors of St. Joseph's Cathedral, Cardinal McGuigan and Bishops Nelligan and Jennings.

Monsignor Carleton came out of retirement to act temporarily as Cathedral Rector. He was succeeded by Father Reynolds, who was Acting Rector for several months and then, on October 1, 1949, I was appointed Rector. At the same time, Father O'Brien left the Cathedral Staff to become managing editor of The Western Catholic. The only



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immediate change I made in parish routine was to discontinue the offering for seats which, since the parish first began, had been collected at the entrances on Sunday mornings.

At that time Father Patrick Peyton's Family Rosary Crusade for all of Alberta, British Columbia, Alaska and the Yukon was underway and there was a huge rally with Archbishop MacDonald presiding and Father Peyton preaching, at Clarke Stadium at 2:45 p.m., Sunday, October 9. Almost two thousand Cathedral parishioners and almost one hundred per cent of those eligible in the Cathedral Parish, signed pledges to recite the Rosary daily in family groups.

With only two priests on the Cathedral Staff, Father Reynolds and myself, there was not time to give individual convert instruction and so, in 1951, we started the "Catholic Enquiry Forum", a series of twenty-four group instructions on the Catholic Religion, held twice a year. This experiment was eminently successful, as many as forty-seven converts being received in one year, and was continued until 1958 when this important work was taken over by The Catholic Information Centre.



PERPETUAL ADORATION

Also, in 1951, we started our movement for Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Under the aegis of the Catholic Women's League, the women of the parish quickly volunteered for continuous adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. daily, and although, for most of the time since then, there have been few vacancies each week in the day - time hours, the coverage has been about 95 per cent complete. Nocturnal Adoration by the men, during the more difficult hours of 10:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m., understandably made slower progress. In June we had adoration for two nights of the month and by August there was nocturnal adoration for ten nights. The movement continued to grow slowly until the Marian Year of 1954 when we had enough men for adoration seventeen nights a month. In October, 1954, Father Hector Lemieux of the Blessed Sacrament Fathers of New York, came to us to preach a Eucharistic Mission, and by the time he had completed his task our roster for nocturnal adorers was complete and Perpetual Adoration in the Cathedral was a reality.

It is only fair to mention that in this movement Cathedral men enlisted the help of men from other parishes and that at the

present time nearly half of the nocturnal adorers come from outside the parish. At the time we started we were the only parish in Canada to attempt Perpetual Adoration and are still the only parish in Western Canada to do so, but since then several parishes in the Windsor, Ontario, neighborhood, have joined the movement. General conveners for the women's sections have been Madames J. C. Metcalfe, E. F. Foy, J. Bailey, J. C. Brennan and A. J. Morin. General conveners for Nocturnal Adoration have been Joseph Faller, J. T. Burger, Robert McDonald, A. J. Morin and J. C. Brennan. Perpetual Adoration was started as an experiment but is now well established and a unique feature of the new St. Joseph's Cathedral will be that with the exception of Good Friday night, the doors will never be locked.

In 1952, too, two new separate schools were opened in the parish, St. Vincent's in the New Glenora district and St. Catherine's in Queen Mary Park. Both started as two room schools, but, because of frequent additions, have since become two of the largest in the Edmonton Separate School System.

In June of 1954 Father William Irwin was ordained to the Holy Priesthood and joined the Cathedral Staff. The same month I observed the silver jubilee of my ordination to the priesthood and was given a substantial purse by the parishioners, and a reception, sponsored by the Catholic Women's League in the Archbishop's Residence.



ARCHBISHOP JORDAN

On April 7, 1955, Bishop Anthony Jordan, O.M.I., of the Vicariate of Prince Rupert, was appointed Coadjutor Archbishop of Edmonton. He arrived in Edmonton the following September and was officially received in the Cathedral, at a liturgical reception over which His Grace, Archbishop MacDonald presided. An address on behalf of the laity was read by the Honourable John J. Bowlen, the Lieutenant Governor, and a new car from the laity was presented to him by W. J. Monaghan. Archbishop Jordan's appointment to Edmonton was something of a homecoming as his mother was a stalwart Cathedral parishioner.

In November, 1955, after nineteen years in residence and much zealous work, Father Reynolds was appointed Parish Priest of Trochu. Father Francis Patsula replaced

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him on the Cathedral Staff.

1956 was the golden jubilee year of His Grace, Archbishop MacDonald's ordination to the Holy Priesthood. There were three principal parts to the jubilee celebration, the laying of the corner stone of the new St. Joseph's Seminary at St. Albert on Sunday, September 9, a Pontifical High Mass in the Cathedral on Sunday, September 16, with sermons by Archbishops O'Neill of Regina and Lemieux of Ottawa, and a pageant in the Edmonton Gardens that evening.

BUILDING PLANS

In October 1956, Archbishop MacDonald appointed a building committee to investigate the feasibility of completing the Cathedral. It consisted of Archbishop Jordan as chairman, Monsignors O'Gorman, Ketchen and Foran, Fathers Battle, M. E. Murphy and the writer. Father Doyle was appointed secretary. On his elevation to the episcopate he was replaced by Father M. G. Doyle and subsequently to Father John McNeill. The committee is still functioning and its purpose is to advise Archbishop MacDonald on the major decisions in regard to building, furnishing and financing the Cathedral.

NEW MONSIGNORI

In November of that year four Edmonton priests, Fathers Foran, Ketchen, MacLellan and myself were named Domestic Prelates. Monsignor MacLellan and I were invested in the Cathedral on the evening of Sunday, September 22, 1957. His Grace, Archbishop MacDonald presided and His Grace, Archbishop Jordan, preached the sermon. On that occasion I was the recipient

of an address, read by His Honour, Lieutenant-Governor Bowlen, and of a substantial purse, presented by the parishioners. The purse was only one of many indications of the exemplary generosity of the Cathedral parishioners, whom it has been my privilege to serve for more than twenty years.

ST. JOSEPH'S SEMINARY

The old St. Joseph's Seminary closed its doors in June of 1957. The proximity of the old Seminary to the Cathedral had been of great advantage as the Seminarians were present in the sanctuary for the Solemn High Mass Sunday mornings, were available for the more important ceremonies and the Seminary Choir occasionally sang Sunday evening devotions. Henceforth, because of the distance of the new Seminary from the Cathedral, only the ministers for the High Mass would come to the Cathedral on Sundays and visits from the entire student body would be limited to Holy Week.

Among the prelates who came to Edmonton for the opening of the new Seminary building, in September, 1957, were His Eminence Cardinal McGuigan, and His Excellency, Archbishop Giovanni Panico, the Apostolic Delegate to Canada. Archbishop Panico was accorded a liturgical reception at the Cathedral.

CONSTRUCTION

There were two other important events in 1957. On July 4th, Archbishop MacDonald signed a contract with a distinguished Montreal architect, Mr. Henri S. Labelle, F.R.A.I.C., to draw plans for the Cathedral superstructure. And on December 15 we opened St. Joseph's Chapel on the grounds of St. Joseph's High School. The chapel was built primarily for the benefit of the numerous parishioners living in the Queen Mary Park district but also with the intention of having a lunch hour Mass for the students of St. Joseph's High School. Provision was made for a resident caretaker so that the Blessed Sacrament could be reserved there. It was built and furnished at a cost of \$85,000.00 and the money was taken from the Cathedral Building Fund.

FATHER GREEN

April 27th, 1958, Father Leo Green observed the silver jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood and sang the Sunday Solemn High Mass in the Cathedral. The writer preached on that occasion. It was Father Green's silver jubilee as Director of the Cathedral Choir because for twenty-five years he had been, and still is, in charge of music at the Cathedral, and during all of this time he has zealously directed a choir that is well up to Cathedral standards.

His Holiness, Pope Pius XII died in October of that year, and we observed this great loss by a Pontifical Requiem High Mass, sung in the Cathedral by Archbishop Jordan with Archbishop MacDonald eulogizing the late Holy Father.

BISHOP DOYLE

Wednesday, November 30, in St. Joseph's Cathedral, Dr. W. E. Doyle, possibly the last bishop appointed by Pope Pius XII, was consecrated Bishop of Nelson, B.C. The Apostolic Delegate, Archbishop Panico, was the consecrating prelate and was assisted by Archbishops Jordan and O'Neill. Bishops Carroll and Lussier preached the sermons. At the time of his nomination to Nelson, Bishop Doyle was Chancellor of the Archdiocese and Professor of Canon Law at the Seminary, but his first sacerdotal appointment was that of assistant at the Cathedral. And in the Cathedral, the first Sunday after his consecration, he sang a Pontifical High Mass.

ARCHBISHOP MACDONALD'S

EPISCOPAL JUBILEE

His Grace, Archbishop MacDonald had still another jubilee in 1959, his twenty-fifth anniversary in the episcopate. To observe it, His Grace offered Holy Mass in the Cathedral on Wednesday, September 29 and His Eminence Cardinal McGuigan preached the sermon. Addresses to the jubilarian were read by Lieutenant - Governor Bowlen and Judge Gariepy. In September, too, Father William Irwin and Father John Schofield, who had replaced Father Patsula, left the Cathedral, Father Irwin to take his degree in Social Welfare at Fordham University and Father Schofield to attend the School of Education at the University of Alberta. The previous June, Father Ronald Dobbin, newly ordained, had been appointed to the Cathedral Staff.

HONOURABLE JOHN J. BOWLEN

We suffered a loss in January, 1960, in the death of Alberta's First Citizen, the Honourable John J. Bowlen, L.L.D. He was accorded a state funeral from the Cathedral. In the absence of Archbishop Jordan, Bishop Carroll came from Calgary to sing the Pontifical Requiem Mass. I preached and officiated at the grave. Throughout his long term of office as Lieutenant - Governor, Dr. Bowlen had been a Cathedral parishioner and staunch supporter. He gave a good example in many ways, and one way in particular: he was never late for Mass.

RELIGIOUS CENSUS

By the spring of 1960 it had definitely been decided to proceed with the Cathedral building programme, and a religious census of the whole Cathedral Parish district, preparatory to a building fund drive, was undertaken. J. T. Burger was the general chairman for this project and he was assisted by the following district captains, M. L. Charter, Dr. R. M. Clare, Dr. F. D. Conroy, A. Dubensky, C. J. Farrell, Dr. E. F. Foy, A. J. Morin, Knox Robertson, G. P. Scott, J. J. Stratton and J. R. Wilson. The census was inaugurated on Sunday, May 9th, by a breakfast of one hundred and sixty men at the Hillcrest Country Club. They made over seven thousand calls and found approximately thirteen hundred and fifty Cathedral

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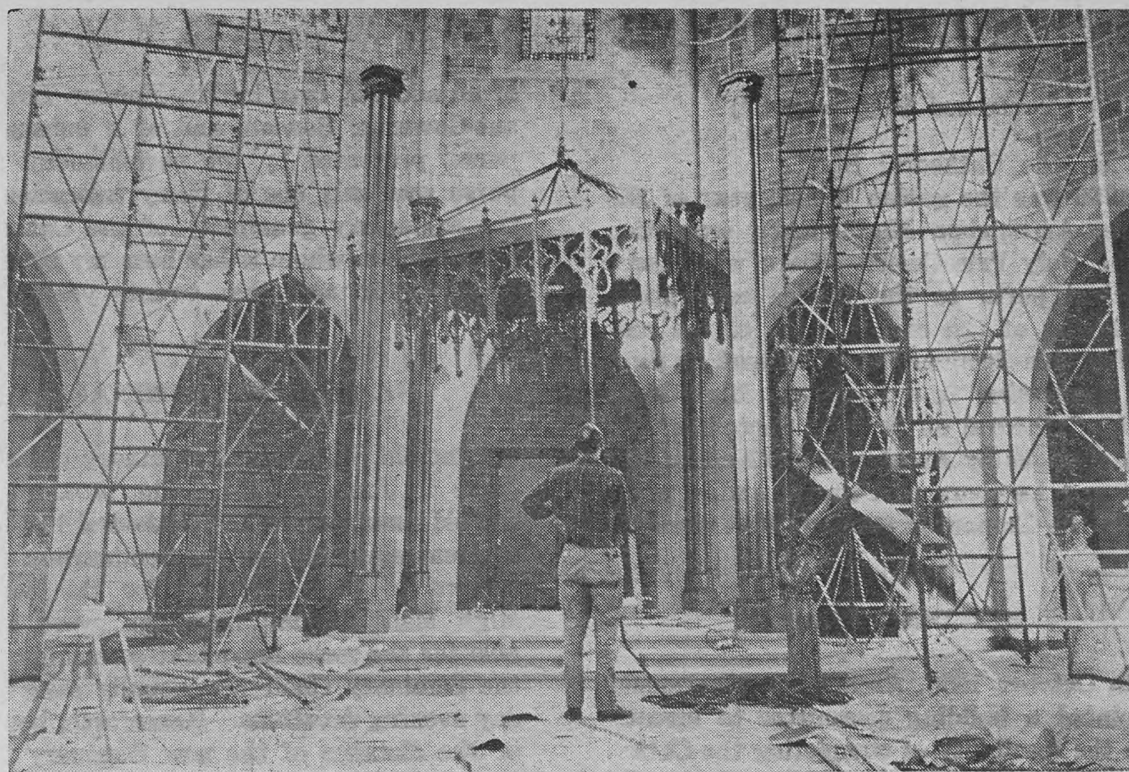
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The Cathedral crypt had been built on what was formerly a slough and since 1925 the building had settled considerably, especially on the north side where both the interior and exterior walls were cracked. This was a problem which had concerned both Cathedral authorities and parishioners since 1941 and there were those who were convinced that the crypt would not carry the superstructure. Advice was sought in different quarters and conflicting remedies advised. One of the greatest Cathedral benefactors emerged in the person of R. M. Hardy, M.Sc., A.L.S., D.L.S., P. Eng., Dean of Engineering at the University of Edmonton and senior partner in the firm of R. M. Hardy and Associates, and an international authority on foundation engineering. Dr. Hardy donated the time he spent on the solution of our problem and prepared plans to reinforce the present foundations. On his advice, on Nov. 1, 1960, for a price of \$113,000.00, a contract was signed with the firm of Franki and Company to underpin the building. Work was started almost immediately. Much of the digging and reinforcing had to be done inside the Church with consequent inconvenience and discomfort, a condition that has lasted to the present time, but thanks to Dr. Hardy and Franki and Company, St. Joseph's Cathedral rests on firm foundations.

All of the piles, some of them eighteen feet long, rest on shale.

THE BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN

In 1960, throughout the whole Archdiocese, there was a campaign for funds. In the other parishes the campaign was for a number of purposes, including the building of the Cathedral, but in the Cathedral Parish all funds raised were to be specifically for the Cathedral. Organization for the Cathedral Campaign began Sunday, September 4 and the following leaders chosen: Honorary Chairmen, J. T. J. Collisson, Q.C., F. J. Healy and Judge J. P. McIsaac; General Chairmen, Mr. James Anselmo and Dr. E. F. Foy; Initial Gifts Chairmen, Dr. C. A. Allard, S. L. Melton and Dr. S. J. Warshawski; Special Gifts Chairman, Dr. R. M. Clare; Special Gifts Vice-Chairmen, A. J. Morin, Joseph Ferrero, E. S. Sunley, J. B. Whelihan and Dr. F. D. Conroy; Canvass Committee Chairmen, C. L. Metcalfe and W. J. Monaghan; Teams Chairmen, J. T. Burger and Gerard Amerongen; Audit Chairmen, R. N. Harvey, James Hutton and John Givens; Hostess Chairmen, Mrs. E. F. Foy and Mrs. D. H. McCallum; Hostess Vice-Chairmen, Madames John Bailey, R. H. Blaquiere, J. C. Brennan, W. Broderick, A. W. Challand, C. L. Metcalfe, S. E. Moher, Neill Peirce, J. B. Whelihan and J. R. Wilson; Division Lead-



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The feature of the Campaign was a Parish Loyalty Dinner, held in the Edmonton Gardens, Sunday, September 5th, over which Dr. Allard presided and which was attended by more than twelve hundred parishioners. Most of the actual canvassing was done the following Sunday, September 25th.

The Campaign objective for the Cathedral parish was \$205,000 in addition to ordinary revenue, payable over a period of one hundred and fifty weeks. Actually we received pledges for \$231,000.00. There was dissatisfaction with the fund raising firm that was supposed to give professional direction to the campaign and it was due to the zeal and loyalty of a devoted laity that this effort was eminently successful. Considering the number of those who pledged and later moved out of the parish, payment, on the pledges has been more than satisfactory.

CONSTRUCTION

In February, 1961, the Archdiocese of Edmonton signed a contract with the firm of Christensen and Macdonald Limited for the erection of the superstructure. Mr. Labelle had secured the services of Mr. Eugene Olekshy, M.R.A.I.C., as Associate Architect and the Archdiocese retained T. H. Newton Engineering Limited in a supervisory capacity. Subsequently subcontracts were let to Sunley Electric Limited, C. R. Frost Company Limited, Dominion Bridge Company, Western Bridge Company, Keeler Painting

Limited, T. R. Flynn and Sons, Empire Marble and Tile Company, W. R. Zeidler Limited, Edcon Blocks Limited, Westeel Products Limited and Gillis Quarries Limited, who supplied the stone from Tyndall, Manitoba, and Architectural Concrete Products, Limited, who did the interior stone work.

Franki and Company Limited finished their work on the foundations June 15 and steel erection began almost immediately. By September the beautiful stone work was attracting favorable comment. The November weather, fortunately, was ideal for building, and by the end of that month the building was sufficiently closed in to permit work to continue throughout the winter.

On Sunday, October 15, Rt. Rev. W. B. Carleton, P.A., V.G., offered Mass in the lower church to mark the completion of 50 years in the Holy Priesthood.

In January, 1962, we ordered the custom built organ from Casavant Freres of St. Hyacinth, Quebec. Shortly afterwards we chose Nilus Leclerc, Inc., of L'Isletville, Quebec, to supply the wood panelling and pews, and the Valley City Company of Dundas, Ontario, to build the altars. In February, Mr. Labelle and I made a trip to Europe and visited Scotland, England, Ireland, Holland, Belgium, France, Germany, Austria and Spain, on a buying expedition for stained glass, metal wear and wood carvings. We ordered a marble statue of St. Joseph and a small marble altar, to be the consecrated altar, in Barcelona, and after our return home placed orders with the firm of Franz Mayer and Company in Munich for twelve stained glass windows and mosaic Stations of the Cross, with Gunning and Son of Dublin for the tabernacle and candle sticks, and with Max Schauer of Oberammergau for carved oak statues of the Sacred Heart and Our Lady.

the history of a parish...

In June of last year, Fathers Leonard Gartner and Robert Ling replaced Fathers Dobbin and Rozmahel. Father Dobbin is now attending the School of Education and Father Rozmahel is curate at Trochu.

THE LAY LEADERS

St. Joseph's Parish has always been fortunate in the quality of its lay leadership and the clergy have always been able to obtain expert advice on financial or business matters from the Church Committee or Parish Trustees. In the past years the following served on the Committee: E. J. Hart, James Ryan, Frank Morkin, J. T. J. Collisson, Honorable Mr. Justice Beck, C. Gallagher, D. J. McNamara, P. J. Mullen, John Cormack, John Regan, F. W. Doherty, Thomas Ducey, T. S. Magee, Jr., Honorable Mr. Justice H. J. Macdonald, J. W. Heffernan and Robert McDonald. Present members are M. E. Amerongen, James Anselmo, Dr. Rupert Clare, Dr. E. F. Foy, James Hutton, Henry J. Roche and S. E. Sunley. Mr. Roche, now retired in California, has expressed a wish to remain on the Committee, of which, with the exception of one short interval, he has been a member for fifty years. We are happy to comply with this request because he has been an outstanding Catholic layman, and not only the Cathedral Parish, but the whole Catholic community have been the beneficiaries of his loyalty, zeal and ability.

Among the women, leadership has been given by the officers of the Cathedral Council of the Catholic Women's League, originally, Saint Joseph's Ladies' Aid. When the crypt of the Cathedral was first built, and later on during the depression the Ladies' Aid made strenuous efforts by means of bazaars, raffles, picnics, card parties and special collections to raise funds for the parish. As the depression worsened and Sunday collections fell off, the ladies made still more strenuous efforts. For example, in 1937, when the Sunday offering and building fund receipts were only \$7,643.73 the Ladies' Aid raised \$5,370.21. Happily, with the end of the depression these undignified but nevertheless necessary means of fund raising were no longer required and now the accent in the ladies' activity is on Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, sick visiting and various other types of Catholic and social action. For the first time, in our new Cathedral hall and kitchen, they have a proper meeting place and working conditions. Past Presidents have included Madames J. Q. Foy, B. R. Mooney, Sorenson, Robert McDonald, J. A. McCool, E. Foley, J. W. Connelly, Charles Kelly, F. Steinburg, A. J. Macdonald, John Shaw, William Schlader, James Stack, A. W. Challand, J. B. Whelihan, Neill Peirce, E. F. Foy, Robert McDonald, Jr., J. R. Wilson, D. H. McCallum and J. Bailey. The President is Mrs. S. J. Warshawski.

OTHER SOCIETIES

Time and space are two obstacles which prevent us from giving in detail the work of many other parish societies which have done valuable work in the past. Reference has already been made to Father Green, the

capable and veteran director of the Cathedral Choir. Mrs. Imelda Olsen, our organist, is the dean of city church organists, having completed forty-five years in that capacity.

We are proud of our ushers who render an essential service. Past head ushers have included Raymond Pratley, M. E. Amerongen, and J. R. Wilson. Knox Robertson is the present head usher.

We have been fortunate too, in our sextons, who were W. M. Cahill, George Cunningham, George Reilley, George Pyper, Donald Metcalfe and Joseph Forest. James Gust is now our caretaker.

Ever since the crypt of the Cathedral was built the Sisters of the Precious Blood have supplied us with a sacristan and have given us many valuable gifts for the altar and sanctuary. Our present sacristan, Sister Celine, has been in office for thirty years. She was preceded by Sister Clement and Sister Mary Eymard.

The Legion of Mary is deserving of praise. Since 1937 they have never missed their weekly meeting and are continually ringing door bells in an effort to help and encourage those with tenuous parochial associations.

Our branch of the League of the Sacred Heart is as old as the parish itself and continues to maintain a satisfactory membership.

At different times we have had various youth organizations. St. Joseph's Tennis Club at one time had tennis courts on 111th Street and later on the river bank west of the High Level Bridge. The Del Sarto Club was succeeded by The Don Bosco Club and later by the Catholic Youth Organization, which has senior and junior branches.

Some former societies no longer exist, among them the Holy Name Society, The Third Order of St. Francis and the Guild of the Little Flower, but in their day they aided us in our spiritual life. The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, is at present dormant, but will be revived as soon as the pressure is eased on the present Cathedral Staff.

Meanwhile St. Joseph's Savings and Credit Union, Our Lady's Sodality, the Knights of the Altar, the Parochial Hockey organization, the Boy Scouts and Cubs and the Girl Guides and Brownies, are active, and each in their own way doing valuable work.

WHERE THE MONEY CAME FROM

As previously stated, the Parish was canonically erected in 1913 but did not begin to function as a separate entity until 1917. Then, due to the abandoned effort to build a church on 111th Street, the parish started with a debt. St. Joachim's parish paid St. Joseph's six thousand dollars for the equity of the latter in St. Joachim's Church. By 1923, when there were 290 families in the Parish, and the revenue was \$17,260.33; there was a building fund of \$28,143.61 plus ownership of three lots on 111th Street, ten lots in Buena Vista and a

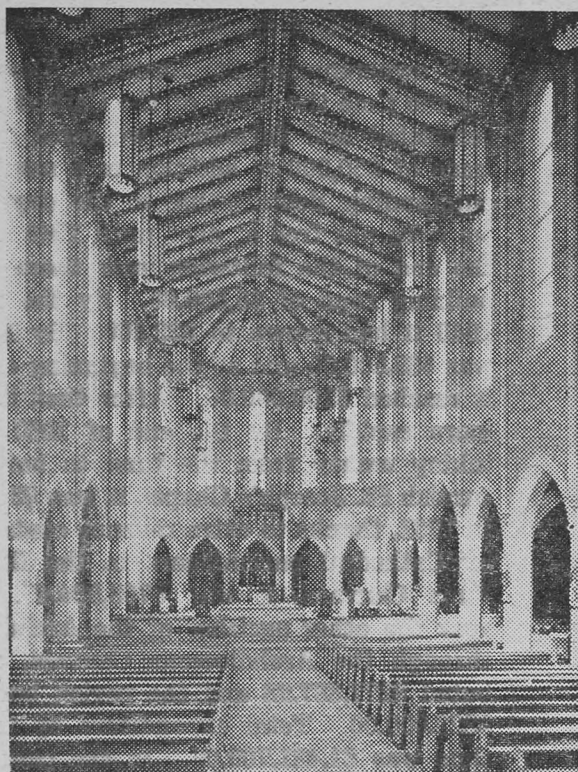
half ownership of St. Joachim's Cemetery. By the time the crypt of the Cathedral was completed and furnished we owed a bond issue of \$60,000 in addition to a number of outstanding debts. Due to the depression we were not free of debt until 1940 and by the end of the following year there was a building fund of \$5,500.00. By the end of 1943 it had grown to \$22,500. By 1947 it was \$69,500.00 and at the beginning of 1949 it reached \$100,000.00. After that it grew more rapidly. By the end of 1957, after taking money from the fund to build and furnish St. Joseph's Chapel, it was \$384,000. In 1961, thanks to extra revenue contributed by Cathedral parishioners in the Building Fund Canvass, it was \$768,984.47. Last year the other parishes of the Archdiocese, through the Archdiocesan Canvass, contributed \$277,337.98 and the parish borrowed \$228,000.00. Total expenditure up to that time was \$1,421,709.09. In the past three months the parish has contributed another \$30,000.00 from current revenue and increased the bank loan to \$300,000.00. Something in the neighborhood of one hundred thousand dollars is still to be spent and will be financed from parish resources.

When one considers that there are only approximately one thousand regular contributors in St. Joseph's Parish, these figures demonstrate that their financial support has been not only generous but sacrificial.

VOCATIONS

Compared to some parishes in other parts of Canada the Cathedral record in regard to vocations to the Holy Priesthood would not be too impressive. But in Western Canada, where a parish which has produced a priest is an exception, and where we have always been dependent on Eastern Canada and Europe for our priests, our parish has blazed a trail, for the following Cathedral men have entered the priesthood: Fathers Howard Sorenson, O.M.I., Ernest Perry, John McNeill, William Irwin, Paul Stack, O.F.M., Pierre Burger, O.F.M., John Schofield and Douglas McCallum. Brian Magee and Bryan McKernan are presently students at St. Joseph's Seminary; Michael O'Callaghan is at the Scots' College in Rome and Wallis Brant, S.J., a member of the Oregon Province of the Jesuits, is a student in St. Louis.

Vocations to the various sisterhoods have been more numerous, but this short history is being written in the last few busy weeks before the opening of the Cathedral and I have lacked the time to prepare a complete list. There are likely other important omissions, and the speed with which this was written precluded any attempt at literary style. But by supplying these notes for the permanent archives of The Western Catholic I have fulfilled my purpose, which is to supply a future historian with material on this parish, about which Cardinal McGuigan once wrote: "It was my first and only parish, and the two and a half years that I spent with you in laying the foundations of Edmonton's Metropolitan Church are among the very happiest of my life. The outstanding characteristic of St. Joseph's was the spirit of co-operation, of good will, of charity that pervaded it. This spirit has made it one of the most beautiful parishes in the Garden of God."



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In 1925 the cornerstone of St. Joseph's Cathedral was laid. Among the furnishings of the basement Cathedral was a Casavant Organ equipped with seven stops — two manuals or keyboards. The organist was Mrs. Imelda Olsen. A short time later she became both organist and choir director. By 1927 there was a choir of approximately fifty voices, well balanced in all parts, performing most artistically the Masses of that period.

In October, 1933, a newly-ordained priest, Rev. G. Leo Green, was invited to act as conductor. With a well trained nucleus there was no difficulty carrying on the meticulous high standard set by Madame Olsen — an outstanding musician.

Among the members was Mr. Sam Gagnon, basso who lives in St. Pius X parish, and unfortunately, is very ill; Albert Knowler, R.I.P., who for many years was leading tenor; Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Cartmell, Miss Thelma Nehring, Mrs. Marie Adkisson, soprano soloist, who now resides in Victoria, B.C.

Our present librarian, Mr. Norman Wallace, a long time faithful member of the bass section now has his two charming daughters in the alto section, Pam and Gail.

Tenors are like precious jewels — among this section Mr. George Roberts has been a most dependable member. Bill Noble and his wife, Eileen, tenor and soprano; Betty Beaton and Mrs. Mernie Cole, sopranos.

Our president for 1963-64, Mr. Frank Day, basso, an ardent and enthusiastic personality — whose business takes him far and wide always drops around to the choir to see if he can be of service.

Of course we do have need of a secretary - treasurer. This office has been

filled for quite some time by Miss Elizabeth Filipkowski most effectively. She is also our leading soprano and professor of music in the Faculty of Education, University of Alberta.

Through the years we have been visited by many choir directors and organists from across Canada. We have many letters from these visitors expressing their admiration and appreciation of the high standard of St. Joseph's Cathedral choir.

The choir has performed many notable works, completed with success in the Musical Festivals. Our most recent effort in the new Cathedral was Dubois' Seven Last Words of Christ in conjunction with St. Anthony's Choir.

Although we have mentioned a few of our senior members, the present choir is made up of the following:

Sopranos:

Betty Beaton, Ute Brocker, Merle Cole, Mary Cossitt, Therese Cossitt, Elizabeth Filipkowski, May Mardon, Jewel McCarthy, Muriel McCulloch, Eileen Noble, Joyce Pelletier, Rosanne Schmaltz, Lolita Strip, Nina Winslow.

Altos:

Cecile Fortier, Helen Pazder, Helene Sabourin, Gail Wallace, Pam Wallace.

Tenors:

Eugene Dizy, William Noble, Ron Pazder, George Roberts.

Basses:

Joe Bruce, Frank Day, Bob Devrome, Ray Fortier, Ray Galipeau, Joe Kelly, Norman Wallace.

It should be mentioned that business moves its employees from time to time, which makes it necessary to seek new members who have had some musical training.



MRS. IMELDA OLSON, L.R.S.M., A.T.C.M.
ST. JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL ORGANIST

It was in St. Lambert, Quebec, that the world heard her first vocal solo when she was ushered into the happy presence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Pepin.

In Dawson City, Yukon, whilst in kindergarten her musical ability shone forth when she accompanied her class in a school concert.

Returning to Quebec, Mrs. Olsen then completed her schooling at St. Anne's Academy, Lachine.

Edmonton became the domicile of the family and Madame LaSaunier became her piano tutor. Under her teaching, Mrs. Olsen obtained her L.R.S.M. and A.T.C.M. Special Diploma.

Her father, organist at the Immaculate Conception church, enlisted her as assistant organist when she was 15 years old. During his absence she became organist and choir director.

In the early days of St. Joseph's Parish, St. Joachim's was the parish church. Mrs. Olsen was the organist there from 1922 until the completion of the basement Cathedral of St. Joseph's in 1925. From 1925 to 1933 she was organist and choir director.

In the fall of 1933 Father Leo Green was invited to direct the choir and this combination has continued to the present time.

Mrs. Olsen's field of musical endeavor included choral director of the Edmonton Civic Opera which produced light opera, many grand opera presentations, for many years. As official accompanist for the Edmonton Separate Schools in Festivals and Massed Choir Demonstrations, her artistic support assured the many triumphs the Separate Schools achieved. Her services are in constant demand.

She holds an outstanding position in the city as teacher of piano, where her students have gained first place in the best of competition.

Currently she is vice-president of the Registered Music Teachers Association, and an executive member of the Women's Music Club.

As a composer, her Mass in Honor of St. Joseph and her Regina Coeli have been performed at the Cathedral — her song cycle "Moods in Miniature" have been heard on C.B.C. and Canadian Composers' concerts.

Of course, there might be some reason for these accomplishments. Her father, Mr. Gideon Pepin was organist at the age of eight years, and for sixty years was organist in his own right, and installed many of the fine Casavant organs in the province.

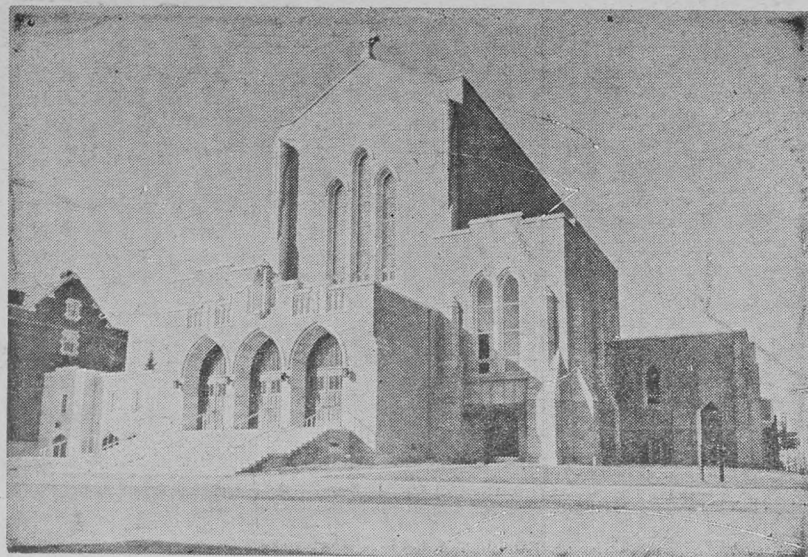
Clement Pepin, the well-known Canadian composer, is her first cousin.

Her two sisters, Annette Brisette and Claire LaChambre, are organists at St. Joachim's and St. Anthony's in the city.

However, her modesty in these great accomplishments is one thing. Her main boast is the fact that she is the mother of two girls and three boys, all happily married and bringing up their families.

Her present great joy is the fact that she can climb 64 steps to the great organ loft and draw from the soul of this magnificent instrument the words of Psalm 150, Praise Ye The Lord.



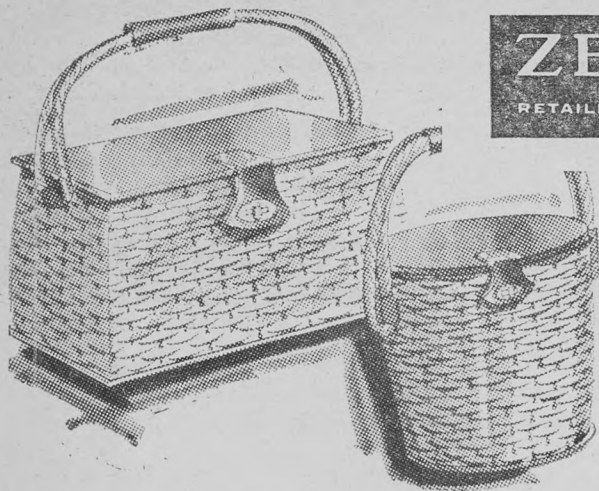


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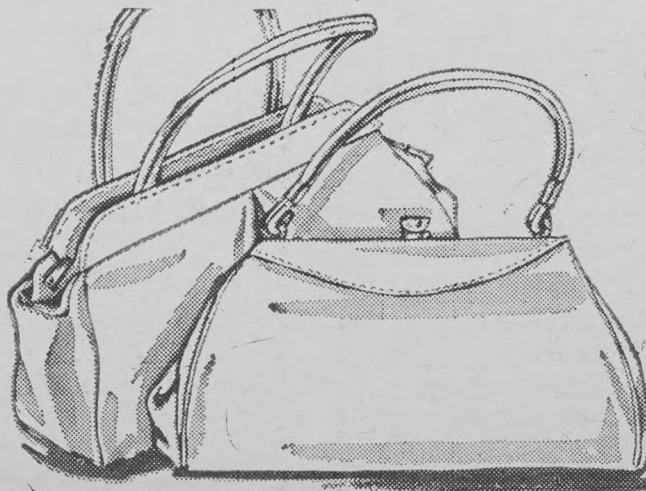
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This esteem and solicitude which the reserves for her official houses of worship applies first and foremost to a **CATHEDRAL**. — the mother church of the diocese — the church from which the chief shepherd of the diocese officially offers Christ's redeeming Sacrifice, and from which, as chief teacher, he officially preaches and interprets the word of God.

How necessary this solemn ritual of blessing is in the eyes of the Church can be gathered from the fact that if the church were ever canonically profaned, it must be reblessed. Furthermore, only churches that are to be used "permanently" as houses of worship may receive this solemn blessing.

The rite by which this building is solemnly blessed is simple, thorough and impressive. It is also a sacred function that is being performed by the whole Church and for the whole Church. The fact that this blessing is reserved to the bishop emphasizes its public nature, its social purpose. For this reason, a representative number of the diocesan faithful should be in attendance. The bishop calls upon God to make His Divine Presence felt, to ward off the evil spirits, to prepare the faithful for the final and eternal Holy Dwelling. He does this in the name of the people with the repeated summons, "Let us pray."

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The bishop concludes the blessing of each major section of the structure with an oration or prayer, invoked in the name of all the people.

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The organ was completely assembled, tested and tuned at Casavant Freres, a famous company in Quebec which has produced organs for churches around the world. It was taken apart and shipped to Edmonton.

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mighty task of tuning and voicing the organ once its parts arrived. An immense blower which sinks 60 feet below the choir loft supplies air for the pipes.

Mrs. Imelda Olsen, cathedral organist, has been practicing on the new instrument, far more complicated than the 38-year-old organ with only seven stops which has served the basement cathedral.



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LIGHTING

St. Joseph's Cathedral

The sanctuary, nave and choir loft are illuminated by twenty-two Cathedral type fixtures of the modified Gothic design to match the architectural details of the Cathedral.

The main body and ornaments of the lanterns are constructed of aluminum, the interior being braced and reinforced with steel members. The lantern is 72" high, having a diameter of 25" and weighing 270 lbs., and is suspended 30 feet above the floor. The octagonal-shaped pattern is complete with 8 pieces 64" x 8" amber cathedral glass sandblasted on one side.

Downlighting is provided by a 1,000 watt lamp contained in a Holophane prismatic reflector designed to direct the light in a concentrated symetric pattern providing approximately 20 foot candle 30" above floor level. The down light is complete with a ring type

The lanterns are suspended from the structural frame of the building and are provided with mechanical means of lowering for lamping and servicing.

Illumination of the main altar is provided by thirty-two 200-watt adjustable reflector floodlights located in pockets concealed in the structural beams of the ceiling over the altar. Various levels and patterns of lighting can be provided as selected and controlled from the switching panel.

Luminaires matching the cathedral lantern

louvre to prevent glare and conceal the light source from direct view.

Ceiling floodlighting is provided by directing four 150-watt reflector floodlamps located in the upper portion of the lantern directed towards the ceiling. The floodlamps are concealed from view by the superstructure and ornamentation of the lantern.

Illumination of the glass panels is provided by eight 40-watt lamps located in the main body of the lantern and are for decorative purposes only.

Lighting control is effected by the use of a low voltage switching panel located in the sacristy — providing selective control of each panel light circuits can be turned on individually or collectively.

were designed for the Oratory, side altars, transepts and narthex. Sixty units of 300-watt capacity provide the lighting in these areas. The over-all pattern of the main lantern has been carried out in the design of these units in that they provide for both down lighting and the illumination of the glass panels. The down lighting is provided by one 200-watt reflector flood lamp while the illumination for the glass panels is effected by the use of four 25-watt lamps in each unit. The fixtures in the above areas are mounted directly to the ceiling.

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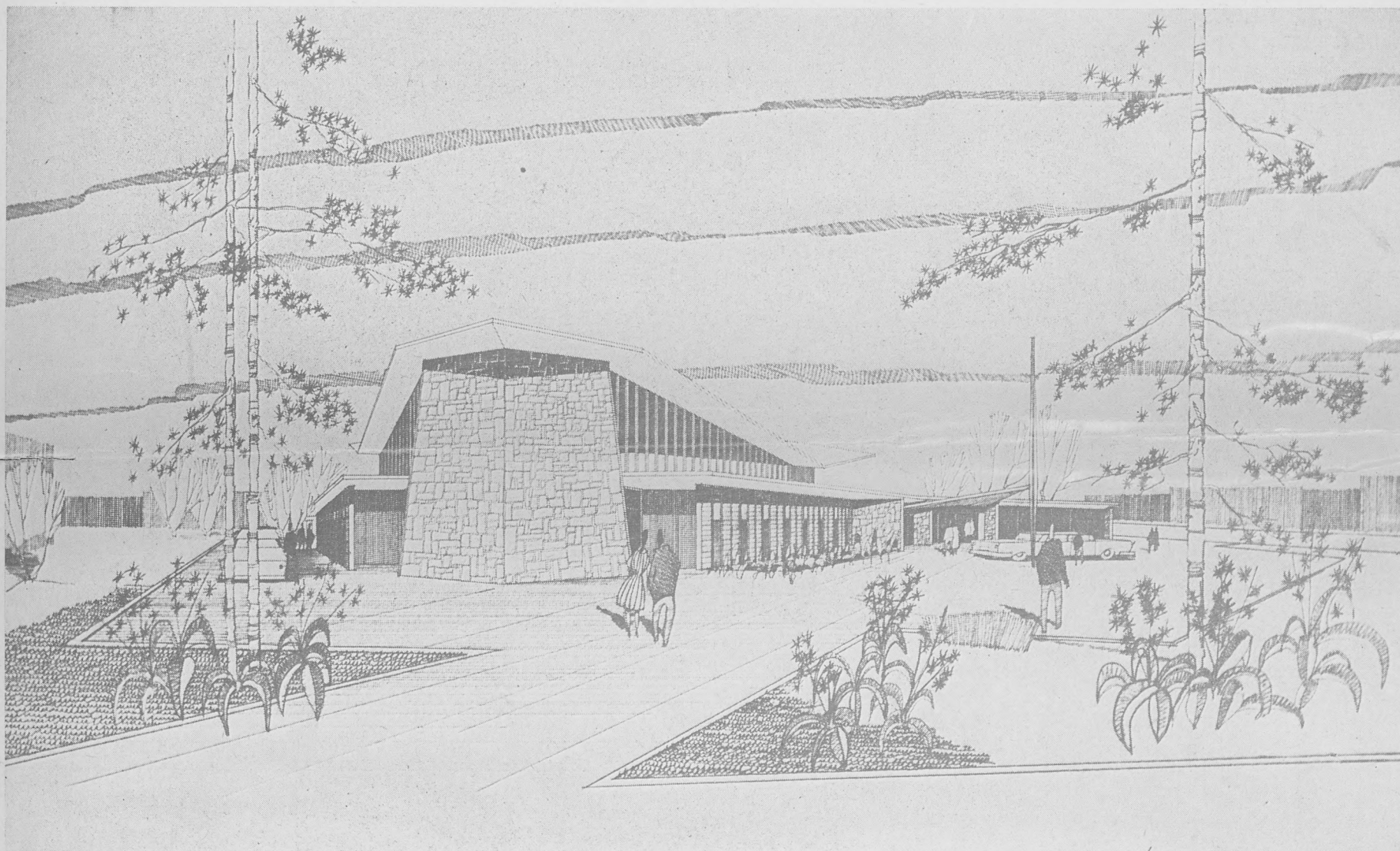
Electrical Conduit	-	20,700 feet
Wire and Cable	-	122,250 feet
Cathedral Lanterns	- - -	22
Cathedral Fixtures	- - -	55
General Lighting	- - -	200
Incandescent Lamps	- - -	1018

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